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SUBJ: PAKISTAN-INDIAN-BANGLADESH MEETING IN CAIRO

FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

- 1. IN FRONT-PAGE FEATURE MARCH 1, ARHAM CHIEF EDITOR ALI AMIN WRITES THAT:
- 2. QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BENGLA-DESH HAVE AGREED TO A PROPOSA BY PRESIDENT SADAT TO HOLD MEETINGS IN CAIRO TO SETTLE ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE THREE GOVERNMENTS, THEMOST PROMINENT OF WHICH ARE REPATRIATION OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS, BENGLADESH'S SHARE OF GOLD DEPOSITED IN THE BANK OF PAKISTAN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE LEADERS OF THE THREE STATES.
- 3. "THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD ON FOREIGN MINISTER OR AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WILL BE AGREED THIS WEEK. UNCLASSIFIED

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END QUOTE.

- 4. AMIN ADDS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT CONVINCED JUJIBUR RAHMAN TO CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT TTRYING THE PAKISTANI PRISONERS. SADAT REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT AS A SOLDIER HE BELIEVES ARMIES CARRY OUT THEIR LEADERS INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS, THEREFORE, UNJUST TO COMPEL A SOLDIER TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF POLITICIANS' DECISIONS.
- 5. AMIN REPORTS THAT " RESPONSIBLE ARAB CIRCLES" SAY THAT NUJIBUR RAHMAN AGREED TO REPATRIATE THE 195 PRISONERS "ON THE CONDITION THAT REMAINING PROBLEMS BE SOLVED AT SAME TIME."
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